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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to sheet 4/4, in which the original label "FIG. 5" is corrected to read "FIG. 6."

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet (1 pages)

### REMARKS

Claims 21-40 are pending in the application. Favorable consideration and allowance of new claims 21-40 are respectfully requested.

### Drawing Objections

The drawings stand objected to, because two figures are labeled "FIG. 5." Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested. More specifically, the label "FIG. 5" on original sheet 4/4 has been corrected to read "FIG. 6."

### Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 29 has been amended herein to provide that the imaging system further includes a first pair of flash memory cards for storing images, and a second pair of flash memory cards for swapping with the first pair of flash memory cards. Support for this feature can be found in paragraph [0026] of the specification, as originally filed.

### Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 21-23, 25, 26, 28, 30-32, 35, 36 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,777,660 to Ard ("Ard"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of claims 21 and 30, as previously presented, include the features of selectively covering one of the first side and the second side of the bound document at least one page, the first camera imaging the first side of the bound document, while the first side is not covered by the at least one page and the second side is covered by the at least one page, and the second camera subsequently imaging the second side of the bound document, while the second side is not covered by the at least one page and the first side is covered by the at least one page. Each of claims 21 and 30 has been amended to include the additional features of the at least one page

being independent of the bound document, and the first camera imaging the first side and the second camera imaging the second side prior to turning a page of the bound document, which page includes the second side. As discussed in further detail below, Ard fails to anticipate or render obvious each of claims 21 and 30.

As discussed in Applicants' previous response, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, Ard is directed to a scanner assembly 10 having a V-shaped scanning head 12, which includes a pair of scanning surfaces 120, 122 (in the form of glass plates) angled relative to each other to form a V-shaped scanning face (col. 4, ll. 14-17; Figs. 5 and 6). A pair of charge coupling devices (CCDs) 140, 142, a pair of lenses 136, 138 and a pair of bulbs 132, 134 are provided for capturing images of both sides of the book, the images being received through the scanning surfaces 120, 122 (col. 4, lines 21-24, Abstract). In this manner, Ard provides a separate scanning arrangement for each side of the book. By providing a separate scanning arrangement for each side, Ard enables simultaneous scanning of two pages of a book (col. 4, ll. 35-38). In alternative arrangements, Ard provides a single detector array (i.e., CCD, lense and bulb), with mirrors or prisms directing the images from both sides of the book onto different portions of the array to scan one side of the book at a time (col. 4, ll. 41-45). Ard, however, only provides such sequential scanning in the context of a single scanning arrangement that is used to scan each side.

In making the instant rejection, the Examiner has asserted that "Ard reads on the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claim" (instant Office action, p. 3). More specifically, the Examiner has argued that, in a first operation, page n and page n+1 are simulatneously scanned, while page n+2 (printed on the reverse side of page n+1) and page n+3 are covered. In a second operation, page n+1 is turned to expose page n+2 and n+3, which are subsequently scanned. The Examiner goes on to note that, when "the first side (the left side, page n) is being scanned, a second side n+3 is covered by a page (n+1/n+2)," and "when the second side (the right side, page n+3) is being scanned, the left side is covered by the page (n+1/n+2)" (instant Office action, p. 3).

The above-described scenario based on Ard, however, is not consistent with claims 21 and 30, as amended. More specifically, each of claims 21 and 30 include the feature of the at least one page being independent of the bound document. Ard's page (n+1/n+2), as referenced by the Examiner, is a page of the book. Consequently, the page (n+1/n+2) is not independent of the bound document. Further, and in accordance with the above-described scenario based on Ard, the page (n+1/n+2) must be turned in between the first side (left side, page n) being imaged, and the second side (the right side, page n+3) being imaged. Consequently, Ard does not disclose the first camera imaging the first side and the second camera imaging the second side prior to turning a page of the bound document, which page includes the second side.

In view of the foregoing, Ard fails to anticipate, or render obvious, the features of each of claims 21 and 30. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Each of claims 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36 and 38 ultimately depends from one of claims 21 and 30, which define over the asserted reference, as discussed in detail above. Consequently, each of claims 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36 and 38 also defines over the asserted reference for at least the same reasons. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

*Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103*

Claims 24, 29, 33 and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Ard in view of the Examiners Official Notice. Claims 27 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Ard in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,491,278 to Thomsen ("Thomsen"). Claim 39 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Ard in view of U.S. Pat. No. 2,406,152 to Levine ("Levine"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Each of claims 24, 27, 29, 33, 37, 39 and 40 ultimately depends from one of claims 21 and 30, which define over the asserted reference, as discussed in detail above. Consequently, each of claims 24, 27, 29, 33, 37, 39 and 40 also defines over the asserted reference for at least

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### CONCLUSION

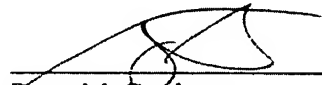
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reason for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to amendment. Applicants respectfully request consideration of all filed IDS' not previously considered, by initialing and returning each Form 1449.

The undersigned attorney welcomes the opportunity to further discuss by telephone any position or issue not fully addressed by the above remarks and amendments.

Applicants request a one-month extension of time. All fees are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply all charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No.16113-1308001.

Respectfully submitted,

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